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For: CATALYTIC TREATMENT OF GASEOUS EFFLUENTS CONTAINING VARYING AMOUNTS OF SULFUR COMPOUNDS	, ) ) )	

## PRELIMINARY REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111, 1.115 AND 1.119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please add new claims as follows:

--22. The activated alumina catalyst as defined by Claim 1, comprising beads

having a diameter of 3.1 to 6.3 mm and specific surface area of 350 to 370 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

The activated alumina catalyst as defined by Claim 1, comprising beads

having pore volume of pores of diameter greater than 0.1 Nm of 18.5 ml/100g and pore

volume of pores of diameter greater than 1 Nm of 15.5 ml/100g.--